Amity 2005 Lenten Fit For Life Team Challenge



A Team Event to Celebrate Wellness For All Ages!!

February 9, 2005-March 26, 2005

TEAM NAME	
TEAM CAPTAIN:	
PHONE #	

Remember your team is counting on YOU!!

As a team member it is your responsibility to total your individual score at the end of each day.

On Tuesday evening of each week total your weekly score. Don't forget to add 20 bonus points if you attended Church or Sunday School that week.

Call your Team Captain on Tuesday evening or Wednesday of each week and report your weekly points.

You can earn a one time 25 bonus points by completing the bonus page and turning it in to your captain.

Children under 15 years need to have their score sheet signed by a parent.

AMITY LENTEN LIFE FITNESS CHALLENGE

TEAM SIGN UP

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MEMBERS	PHONE #
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NO MORE THAN 9 PERSONS PER TEAM

Welcome to Amity's 2005 Lent Fit for Life Team Challenge

The goal of this fitness challenge is to promote physical, spiritual and mental health awareness. Studies have shown that we are stressed out, eating on the run, and running on spiritual emptiness! Most Americans do not exercise enough or eat enough fruits and vegetables.

The objectives of this challenge are:

- Physical fitness awareness: Exercise at least 30 minutes a day, beginning at your present fitness level and increase as tolerated or advised by your doctor. Regular physical activity can not only improve your physical health, but can also improve your mental outlook.
- Drink more water: The body uses water, along with food, as fuel to keep it up and running. It lubricates the joints and organs, regulates body temperature, keeps our minds alert, and carries nutrients such as calcium, sodium and potassium to the cells.
- Improve your diet: Eat at least 5 servings of fruits or vegetables a
 day. Research shows that the more fruits and vegetables you eat the
 lower your risk of developing diseases including cancer and heart
 disease.
- Smoking Cessation: Take some time to assess why you are smoking. Make a plan to quit and follow it. Tried to quit before? Try again. Studies show an increased rate of success with each attempt to quit.
- Take time to take care of your spiritual and mental self. Studies show individuals who have a spiritual focus in their lives are healthier and happier. Time spent in prayer and reflection is needed to develop your relationship with God, your family and yourself.

TEAM UP TODAY!! HAVE FUN FINDING OUT HOW EASY IT IS TO GET FIT FOR LIFE!

How to Accumulate Points Lifestyle Choices

- WATER-Give yourself a point for each 8 ounce glass of water you drink Earn a <u>maximum of 8 points</u> per day.
- FRUITS and VEGETABLES-Give yourself a point for each serving of fruits and vegetables you eat each day. (1 serving is at least ½ cup) Earn a **maximum of 5 points** per day.
- EXERCISE-Give yourself a point for each 10 minutes of exercise a day. Earn a <u>maximum of 6 points</u> per day.
- NO TOBACCO-You earn <u>2 points</u> per day for not smoking. If you don't smoke, give yourself the points.
- BIBLE READING-You earn 2 points for every 10 minutes of Bible reading. Earn a <u>maximum of 6 points</u> per day.
- PRAYER-You earn 2 points for every 10 minutes you spend in prayer. Earn a **maximum of 4 points** per day.
- FASTING You <u>earn 4 points</u> per day by giving up one activity or food during the season of Lent that you normally partake of or enjoy.
- DO A GOOD DEED-You can earn <u>5 points</u> per day by going out of your way to brighten someone's day.*(This deed must be done outside of the immediate family). Surprise someone by calling, assisting or doing a chore for them, sending a card, visiting, etc.
- CHURCH ATTENDANCE: You can earn 10 bonus points a week by attending Church or Sunday School.
- ATTEND ANOTHER CHURCH FUNCTION: If you attend another church function during the week, such as youth group, puppet ministries, dinners, Bible studies, special events or ministry meetings you may earn 5 bonus points for that week. (Only a TOTAL of 10 points per week).

Fit For Life Score Sheet

Week# Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Water maximum 8 points Fruits/Vegetables maximum 5 points Exercise maximum 6 points No Tobacco maximum 2 points Bible Reading maximum 6 points Prayer maximum 4 points Fasting maximum 4 points Do A Good Deed maximum 5 points Church/SS Attendance 10 Bonus Points per week Attendance at another church function 5 bonus pts each-total only 10 per week

WEEKLY TOTAL

Your Name:

DAILY TOTALS

Team Name:

FIT FOR LIFE TEAM ROSTER

TEAM NAME TEAM CAPTAIN

Team Totals to be reported to Sherry McIntyre by Friday of each week 894-0902 or e-mail sammac64@aol.com

Team Members	Phone #	WK Completed March 3	WK Completed March 10	WK Completed March 17	WK Completed March 24	Wk Completed March 31	WK Completed April 7	Wk Completed April 11

TOTALS

AMITY LENT FIT FOR LIFE BONUS PAGE

Complete this page for 15 Bonus Points

BLOOD PRESSURE
Blood Pressures will be taken @ Church on February 13 & 20 & March 13.
TARGET HEART RATE
(see insert in packet)

Fit Facts

FROM THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EXERCISE®

MONITORING EXERCISE INTENSITY USING HEART RATE

WHY MONITOR YOUR HEART RATE?

You're huffing and puffing through another aerobic workout, wondering if you're really doing yourself any good. Are you working too hard or not hard enough? You look around. The person next to you has barely broken a sweat while the one in front is drenched from head to toe. Well, sweat may not be the best indicator of exercise intensity. For that, we need to look to our hearts.

Heart rates, to be exact. When you exercise, your heart beats faster to meet the demand for more blood and oxygen by the muscles of the body. The more intense the activity, the faster your heart will beat. Therefore, monitoring your heart rate during exercise can be an excellent way to monitor exercise intensity.

For the majority of aerobic enthusiasts, there is a range of exercise intensities that is described as safe and effective for promoting cardiovascular benefits. To determine what range is best for you, you'll need to be familiar with a few terms.

1 Maximal Heart Rate: This number is related to your age. As we grow older, our hearts start to beat a little more slowly. To estimate your maximal heart rate, simply subtract your age from the number 220.

2 Target Heart-Rate Zone: This is the number of beats per minute (bpm) at which your heart should be beating during aerobic exercise. For most healthy individuals, this range is 50 percent to 80 percent of your maximal heart rate.

So, if your maximal heart rate is 180 bpm, the low end of the range (50 percent) would be 90 bpm, and the high end of the range (80 percent) would be 144 bpm. (Use the chart to determine your cwn target heart-rate zone.)

WHAT DOES THIS RECOMMENDED HEART-RATE RANGE MEAN?

Now that you've determined your target heart-rate zone, you need to know how to put that information to good use. These numbers serve as a guideline — an indicator of how hard you should be exercising. Those just beginning an aerobic program should probably aim for the

CALCULATE YOUR HEART RATE BY AGE

Age:	20	30	40	50	60	70
50%	100	95	90	85	80	75
80%	160	152	144	136	128	120

low end of the zone and pick up the intensity as they become more comfortable with their workouts. Those who are more fit, or are training for competitive events, may want to aim for the higher end of the zone. Keep in mind that the target heart-rate zone is recommended for individuals without any health problems. Additionally, individuals taking medication that alter the heart rate should consult their physician for recommended exercise intensity.

WHERE TO MONITOR?

There are a number of "sites" used to monitor the pulse rate. Two convenient sites to use are the radial pulse at the base of the thumb of either hand, or the carotid pulse at the side of the neck. Accurate pulse-count assessment is crucial when monitoring exercise intensity. By using the first two fingers of one hand and locating the artery, a pulse rate can be easily determined.

Immediately after exercise, isolate your pulse and count the number of beats in a 10-second period. To determine the heart rate in beats per minute, multiply the number of beats per 10 seconds by six. For instance, if a 10-second pulse count were 20, then the heart rate would be 120 bpm.

A FINAL WORD ABOUT HEART-RATE MONITORING

Remember, your estimated target heart-rate zone is just that — an estimate. If you feel like you are exercising too hard, you probably are. The best advice is to reduce your intensity and find a heart-rate range that works for you.

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Tracts

FROM THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EXERCISE®

When it comes to exercise we each determine what we can or cannot do. and how hard we push ourselves. Some follow the all-or-nothing principle, believing that if exercise is good for you it has to be hard, even painful. Then along came last year's Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity, detailing the benefits of moderate physical activity. It was then that people began questioning exactly what "moderate activity" means.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT OUT A LOT TO GAIN A LOT

This perceived exertion scale shows you how little exertion is required to benefit from regular physical activity. It is used by exercisers to rate their exertion during any type of fitness program.

EVERYTHING IN MODERATION

Exercise rated in the 11 to 15 range is enough to improve cardiovascular condition. But even less than that exertion rated in the 8 to 12 range, which is very light to moderate activity - can bring many health benefits.

LIMITLESS OPTIONS

There are few limitations on what types of activities you can do at a moderate intensity. The Surgeon General's Report includes a recommendation that everyone accumulate 30 minutes or more of physical activity on most or all days of the week. Brisk walking is the most popular choice since it can easily be incorporated into a busy day, has low injury rates, doesn't require special skills or equipment, and can be done by anyone at any age. But don't forget the things you do everyday. Gardening provides a multitude of opportunities for improving muscle strength, as does waxing the car or vacuuming the carpet.

One of the appealing aspects of this type of exercise program is that the amount of exercise you need to accumulate can be adapted according to the length of time, intensity or frequency with which you exercise. To see an

PERCEIVED EXERTION SCALE Rest Very, very light 9 Very light 10 11 Fairly light Exercise 12 13 Somewhat hard 14 15 Hard 16 17 Very hard 18 19 Very, very hard 20

example of how activities measure up to one another in relation to time and intensity, see the box to the left.

THE ROAD AHEAD

Now that you know physical activity need not be overly strenuous to be beneficial, it's time to get started. To insure that you're able to stick with exercise, choose activities you enjoy that can easily become part of your routine. Begin slowly, giving the body time to adjust, and work up to the desired amount and intensity. If you have any chronic health problems, or are at risk for any (e.g., heart disease, diabetes, obesity), consult with your physician before starting any activity.

Examples Of Moderate Amounts Of Activity

Washing and waxing a car for 45-60 minutes Washing windows or floors for 45-60 minutes Playing volleyball for 45 minutes Playing touch football for 30-45 minutes Gardening for 30-45 minutes Wheeling self in wheelchair for 30-40 minutes Walking 11/4 miles in 35 minutes (20 min/mile) Basketball (shooting baskets) for 30 minutes

Bicycling 5 miles in 30 minutes

Dancing fast (social) for 30 minutes Pushing a stroller 11/2 miles in 30 minutes Raking leaves for 30 minutes

Walking 2 miles in 30 minutes (15 min/mile)

Water aerobics for 30 minutes Swimming laps for 20 minutes

Wheelchair basketball for 20 minutes

Basketball (playing a game) for 15-20 minutes Bicycling 4 miles in 15 minutes

Jumping rope for 15 minutes

Running 11/2 miles in 15 minutes (10 min/mile)

Shoveling snow for 15 minutes Stainwalking for 15 minutes

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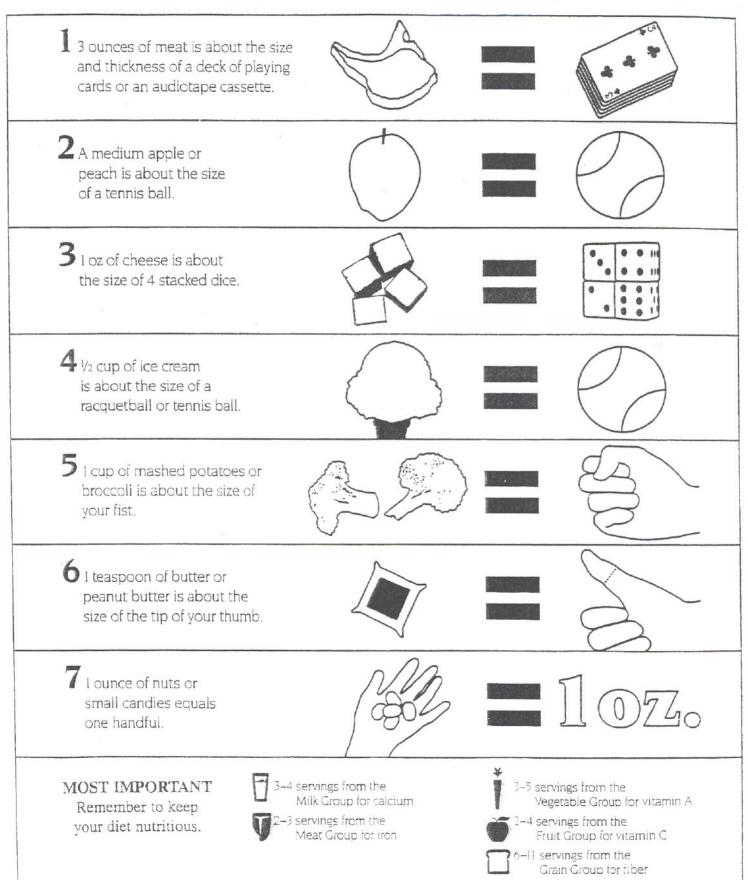


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SEVEN WAYS TO SIZE UP YOUR SERVINGS

Measure food portions so you know exactly how much food you're eating.

When a food scale or measuring cups aren't handy, you can still estimate your portion. Remember:



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Source: Adapted from Clinical Guidelines on the Identification, Evaluation, and Treatment of Overweight and Obesity in Adults: The Evidence Report.

WEEKLY SCORE

NAME: STARTING DATE OF THE WEEK: TOTAL POINTS	(10)
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TOTAL POINTS	
(for this week only NOT counting Church/Sunday School, ext	_
POINTS FOR CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL POINTS FOR EXTRA CHURCH EVENTS	
	(5 pts each-total 10) (15 pts)
Signature of parent, if child under 15 yrs	(15 pts)
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ONE TIME BONUS PAGE POINTS Signature of parent, if child under 15 yrs	(15 pts)

Certificate of Completion

presented to

For participation in Amity's 2004 Lenten Fit For Life Team Challenge



Date Signature